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1. The Ivo Lucic-Lavcevic (abbreviated Ivolav) Construction Enterprise from Split, is in charge of the construction of military projects and fortifications on the island of Vis. The island is the site of Construction No. 3 of Section I (Deonica I) of the Enterprise, which is headed by Engineer Danilo Pantelic. In addition to the approximately 260 workers of the Ivolav Enterprise, military workers' battalions are used, which are attached to the engineering section of the Enterprise. The strength of each battalion is approximately 1,000 men. The commander of the engineering section is a certain Major Rako. The following projects indicated on the attached sketches are currently being constructed on Vis:

1) Camp:

The entire compound of buildings which is identified as the Camp, was constructed approximately one kilometer from the town of Vis, on the old Vis-Komiza road. It is located to the south of the road and covers an area of 80 meters by 80 meters. The buildings are made of stone. The various buildings are listed as follows:

- (1) Building 30 meters long by 8 meters wide, containing mess, kitchen and food stores;
- (2) and (3) Buildings 30 meters long by 8 meters wide, housing the military;
- (4) Building 11 meters long by 8 meters wide, containing baths and washrooms;
- (5) Building 16 meters long by 8 meters wide, housing the headquarters command of the Camp;
- (6) Well, 14 meters deep, supplied with an electric pump to fill tank; and
- (7) Tank with a capacity of 15,000 liters. It is filled by means of an electric pump with water from the well in a period of 30 minutes. This well is the only fresh-water source on the entire island, and it supplies the entire population of the island when the wells containing rain water go dry.

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2) Bunker on Cape Nv. Posta:

The bunker is being constructed of reinforced concrete. It is 50 meters by 20 meters wide, and the casemate juts five meters above ground. There are approximately 30 to 40 military personnel attached to the engineering section, and they work in three shifts. Rocks and soil are dug out and transferred in carts to the interior of the island.

3) Lighthouse:

A new lighthouse, similar to the one on Cape Fromentur on the north-eastern part of the island, is being constructed on the small island located in the middle of the entry into the port of Vis.

4) Bunker on Cape Stupisce:

Approximately 30 to 40 military men attached to the engineering section are employed in the construction of a bunker of similar dimensions and shape as the one on Cape Nv. Posta. It is located on Cape Stupisce, on the southwestern border of the island. The opening for the cannon faces west. The bunker is located at a height of 80 meters above sea level.

5) Battery Emplacement and Barracks:

Emplacements for groups of five or six anti-aircraft cannons have been constructed, and cannons already installed on the new road leading from the town of Vis to Komiza. The site is located southeast of the village Zenaglava enroute to the airport.

6) Munitions Depot:

A munitions depot is located approximately 1,200 meters from the town of Vis on the old Vis-Komiza road, or approximately 200 meters from project No. 1 of the Camp. The dimensions of the building containing the depot, and which is known as Siminjati, are 10 meters by 14 meters. Four guards guard the depot. Several large buildings next to it, and on the highway, have been repaired and are used to store munitions.

7) Communications:

The engineering section of the military workers' battalion was employed in the past year as well as at present on the construction of new roads five meters wide, extending from the top of each geodetic point to either the new or the old Vis-Komiza highway. In this manner all the geodetic points will be connected with the existing main highways.

8) Airport:

An airport built by the Allies during the last war is located on the seventh kilometer of the new Vis-Komiza highway, east of the village of Zenaglava. The airport has been completely abandoned, and the fields have been turned over to the peasants who are growing wheat and grass in it. They may not, however, plant olive trees on this land.

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